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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHIMOKAWA et al.

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For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE, DATABASE SYSTEM FOR
MANAGING DATABASE AND DATABASE AND DATABASE
MANAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2001, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 13, 2001, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Four Times Amended) A data structure, stored on a storage medium, in a database, comprising:

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